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SUBJ: GOA TO REQUIRE 40 PERCENT OF OIL IMPORTS IN AUSTRALIAN
TANKERS

1. TRANSPORT MINISTER JONES ANNOUNCED JANUARY 13 THAT GOA WILL
REQUIRE 40 PERCENT OF AUST. IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS TO BE CARRIED IN AUSTRALIAN-OWNED TANKERS BY END OF 1977.
TOTAL SHIP TONNAGE INVOLVED WOULD BE AROUND 400,000 TONS. JONES
DID NOT SPECIFY SIZE OF INDIVIDUAL TANKERS TO BE PLACED IN THIS
TRADE, BUT PRESS REPORTS SPECULATE TOTAL WOULD INVOLVE SIX TANKERS
OF 60-75,000 TONS DISPLACEMENT EACH. VESSELS WOULD BE BOUGHT OR
CHARTERED ABROAD, WITH GOA-OWNED AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LINE AND
PRIVATE AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES EACH OPERATING EQUAL NUMBER OF
VESSELS INVOLVED. FIRST STEP IN ACHIEVING 40 PERCENT GOAL MIGHT
BE TO DIVERT ONE TANKER NOW ENGAGED IN COASTAL TRADE TO INTER-
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NATIONAL ROUTE.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOA HAS PROCLAIMED 40 PERCENT GOAL BEFORE WITH REGARD TO OVERALL SHIPPING, BUT THIS IS FIRST TIME SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT AND SPECIFIC TIME-FRAME HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED. AUSTRALIA IMPORTS ABOUT 11 MILLION METRIC TONS OF CRUDE AND PRODUCT ANNUALLY, MOSTLY FROM PERSIAN GULF. AT PRESENT, AMOST ALL OF THIS CARRIED IN TANKERS OWNED BY OVERSEAS OIL COMPANIES AND IN OTHER FOREIGN-OWNED VESSELS. ACCORDING TO SPENCE, DEPT. OF TRANSPORT CANBERRA, ONLY AUSTRALIAN TANKER NOW IN THIS TRADE IS AMPOL (PRIVATE AUST. OIL COMPANY) VESSEL PLYING BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND AUST. THUS JONES PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL NEW INVESTMENT IN HIGH COST AUST. MERCHANT FLEET. EXECUTIVE OF ONE U.S. OIL COMPANY HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED CONCERN TO AMBASSADOR OVER NEW REQUIREMENT. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW SITUATION AND POUCH COPY JONES STATEMENT.
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